

174. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) of the 29 loan applications received by the Government from Chittur, why only one was sanctioned;

(2) what the amount disbursed under the sanctioned application is?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Of the loan applications received from the Chittur Taluk, 5 had been sanctioned; in 4 cases the applicants had withdrawn their applications, and the remaining applications were rejected as they were either not *bona fide* or the properties offered as security were highly encumbered. Even in the case of applications sanctioned, the parties concerned have not yet produced the title deeds of the properties offered as security.

(2) No amount has yet been disbursed.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government favourably consider the cases of properties slightly encumbered?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—We follow a particular principle, not to accept as security property encumbered. If an encumbered property is taken as security, and if the first encumbrancer goes to court, the Sirkar also will be dragged into court. In almost all cases, if the first encumbrancer does not take the property, Government will be forced to take the property in order to protect itself. So, if a property is encumbered, either slightly or highly, it comes to the same thing. So the Government avoid taking of encumbered properties as securities for the loans. So the Government will not be justified in taking as security an encumbered property even though it is not heavily encumbered.

Night-soil contractor of the Trichur Municipality.

175. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Planting Member of this House is the night-soil contractor of the Trichur Municipality;

(b) is it a fact that the contractor forcibly took away a bull (on the 16th of Kumbham 1104) at 11 while it was actually engaged in carrying the night-soil and thus caused much annoyance to the public;

(c) is it a fact that the Municipality fined the contractor and has taken prosecution measures against the contractor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is the contractor, please?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Cochin Orchard and Canneries, Ltd.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is the managing director of that company?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Barton Wright.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he the Plantation Member of this House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—May be.

President.—He is the Plantation Member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to parts (b) and (c) is 'Do not arise in view of the answer to (a)'. My question is regarding the contractor.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Plantation Member is not the contractor of the night-soil.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question does not refer to Mr. Barton Wright. My question is 'is it a fact that the contractor forcibly took away a bull (on the 16th of Kumbham 1104) at 11 while it was actually engaged in carrying the night-soil and thus caused much annoyance to the public.' I want an answer to that question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not known for certain whether the alleged fact is true or not.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any enquiry made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Chairman of the Municipal Council has reported that an enquiry has been conducted and the results of the enquiry will be reported—are being reported.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is being reported that the matter has been looked into. He is not certain about it. He adds that enquiries are being made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the answer to part (c)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No fine has been imposed on the contractor.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will you please get the report on that point also from the Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

President.—I think there was some fine imposed on Mr. Barton Wright and he appealed against that decision of the Municipality to the Diwan.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether there was a fine imposed on him.

President.—There is some confusion here. We all along took it to be Orchards and Ltd. Canneries.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then the wording should be 'the contractor's agent on such and such a day-forcibly took away, etc.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then what is the answer to (c)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter is under enquiry. That is the Chairman's report.

President.—So Mr. Barton Wright has been fined?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is for another matter, I suppose.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there anything mentioned in the report regarding the question in (c)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No; the matter is under enquiry.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether he was fined?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No; he has not been fined. The matter is under enquiry.

President.—So the Chairman reports.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date of that report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is dated 3rd Meenam 1104.

President.—We are now in Karkadagam. What was it that he was fined for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was in connection with certain cart drivers; I am not sure.

President.—Of course; there was some fining then.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He supplied some weak bulls or something like that.

176. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken regarding the complaint of the people of Kuttanellur referred to in answer to question No. 454 of the Meenam Session of 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Chairman addressed the Company to abate the nuisance and a copy of the reply received from the Company is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*) There is, however, a fresh complaint in the matter and the District Magistrate is conducting the necessary investigation.

Paying Ward.

177. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what were the budget allotments for the construction of a Paying Ward in the General Hospital at Ernakulam in 1103 and 1104; how much money was actually spent each year for the construction;